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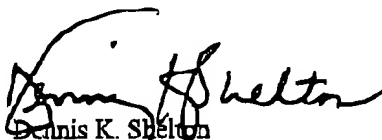
The foregoing amendment to the specification is being made to provide clearer antecedent basis in the specification for the structure (II) of claims 13 and 47, as allowed. Since this structure was present in original claims 13 and 47 in the application as filed, no new matter has been added through this amendment. The dependence of claims 7, 9, 13, 41, 43, and 47 has been modified to provide consistency in the scope of these dependent claims. Finally, claims 14, 15, 48, and 49 have been modified to correct an obvious clerical error in the identification of the defined substituents of these claims. No new matter has been added to the foregoing claim amendments.

Although this application has already been allowed and the issue has been paid, entry of the foregoing amendments is required to ensure the quality of the patent to be issued on this application and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. Entry of the foregoing amendments and reallowance of the application is requested.

The Examiner is further requested to contact applicants' representative at the number set forth below to discuss any issues that may arise through the foregoing amendments.

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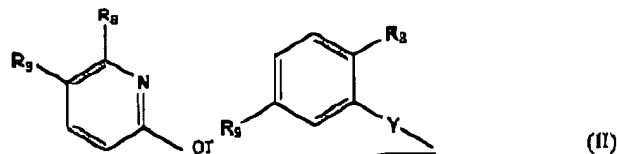
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE AUGUST 19, 2002In the Specification

The paragraph in the specification beginning at page 9, line 4, has been rewritten to read as follows:

In a presently particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, A₁ and/or A₂ has the formula:



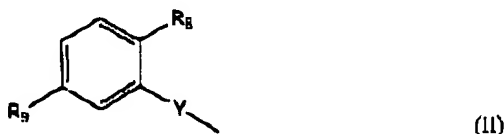
wherein R₈ and R₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, nitro, amino, cyano, halo, thioamido, amidino, oxamidino, alkoxyamidino, imidino, guanidiny, sulfonamido, carboxyl, formyl, loweralkyl, haloloweralkyl, loweralkoxy, haloloweralkoxy, loweralkoxyalkyl, loweralkylaminoloweralkoxy, loweralkylcarbonyl, loweralkylcarbonyl, lowerheteroalkylcarbonyl, alkylthio, aryl and, aralkyl. Most preferably, A₁ and/or A₂ [A] is selected from the group consisting of nitropyridyl, aminonitropyridyl, cyanopyridyl, cyanothiazolyl, aminocyanopyridyl, trifluoromethylpyridyl, methoxypyridyl, methoxynitropyridyl, methoxycyanopyridyl and nitrothiazolyl.

In the Claims

7. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 [6], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ is optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, arylamino or aryloxy.

9. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 [6], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ is selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted phenylamino and phenyloxy.

13. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 [6], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ has the formula:



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wherein Y is -NH or -O-; and

R₈ and R₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, nitro, amino, cyano, halo, thioamido, amidino, oxamidino, alkoxyamidino, imidino, guanidiny, sulfonamido, carboxyl, formyl, loweralkyl, haloloweralkyl, loweralkoxy, haloloweralkoxy, loweralkoxyalkyl, loweralkylaminoloweralkoxy, loweralkylcarbonyl, loweralkylcarbonyl, lowerheteroalkylcarbonyl, alkylthio, aryl and [] aralkyl.

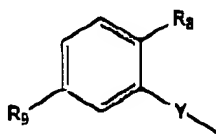
14. (Amended) A compound of claim 13, wherein R₈ and R₉ [A₁ and A₂] are selected from the group consisting of halo and haloloweralkyl.

15. (Amended) A compound of claim 14, wherein R₈ and R₉ [A₁ and A₂] halo.

41. (Amended) A compound of claim 35 [40], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ is optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, arylamino or aryloxy.

43. (Amended) A compound of claim 35 [40], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ is selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted phenylamino and phenyloxy.

47. (Amended) A compound of claim 35 [40], wherein at least one of A₁ and A₂ has the formula:



(II)

wherein Y is -NH or -O-; and

R₈ and R₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, nitro, amino, cyano, halo, thioamido, amidino, oxamidino, alkoxyamidino, imidino, guanidiny, sulfonamido, carboxyl, formyl, loweralkyl, haloloweralkyl, loweralkoxy, haloloweralkoxy, loweralkoxyalkyl, loweralkylaminoloweralkoxy, loweralkylcarbonyl, loweralkylcarbonyl, lowerheteroalkylcarbonyl, alkylthio, aryl and [] aralkyl.

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48. (Amended) A compound of claim 47, wherein R₈ and R₉ [A₁ and A₂] are selected from the group consisting of halo and haloloweralkyl.

49. (Amended) A compound of claim 48, wherein R₈ and R₉ [A₁ and A₂] are halo.

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